

Thurgood Marshall College Fund - Defense Wide

**Proposed Recipient:** Thurgood Marshall College Fund

**Address of Recipient:** 80 Maiden Lane, Suite 2204; New York, NY 10038

**Amount of Request:** \$4 Million

**Explanation of Request**

**Purpose:** To use this unparalleled network and collaboration of public HBCUs and the resources and programs of the Fund to help meet these Defense-specific missions and needs. TMCF is also seeking Defense Department support to enhance minority scholar science and technology training and access to research experience and support to enhance the technology and instrumentation capacity of TMCF schools. This includes programs to increase public school teacher quality and retention to ensure that pre-college students are prepared to attain STEM degrees and become the next generation of scientific and military leaders. The objective is to develop a well-designed partnership with the Department of Defense, with significant TMCF financial, programmatic and personnel resources which are already being committed at a dollar-for-dollar match.

**Why is it a good use of Taxpayer funds:** This program provides the next generation of critically needed future U.S. scientific, technological, engineering and education leaders essential to meet Defense and national security needs. It will also ensure that the US military has a pool of well-trained minority leaders to assume the ranks of senior military leadership through the largest contingency of ROTC programs in the country.